

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 YAOUND 01913 051423Z

61

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

/064 W

----- 059369

R 051351Z JUN 75

FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5992

INFO AMCONSUL DOUALA BY POUCH

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 1913

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CM

SUBJ: RELEASE OF BISHOP NDONGMO

REF: YAOUNDE 1689 (NOTAL)

1. BISHOP NDONGMO LEFT CAMEROON MAY 27 FOR ROME, ESCORTED BY APRKTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO MSGR. STORERO. ULTIMATE PLACE OF RESIDENCE LIKELY CANADA.

2. ACCORDING PRO-NUNCIO AND CANADIAN CHARGE (PROTECT BOTH), FOLLOWING ARE CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH RELEASE. PRESIDENT AHIDJO ON MAY 7 CALLED PRO-NUNCIO (WHO WAS PLANNING ANOTHER VISIT TO BISHOP IN TCHOLLIRE PRISON) TO INFORM HIM HE HAD DECIDED RELEASE BISHOP, BUT ON CONDITION BISHOP LEAVE CAMEROON FOR FAR-AWAY COUNTRY BEYOND AFRICA OR EUROPE, WHERE POSSIBILITY CONTACT WITH CAMEROONIANS WAS TOO EXTENSIVE. AHIDJO SUGGESTED WESTERN HEMISPHERE. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, GURC SIGNALLED ITS SPECIFIC DESIRE THAT BISHOP BE SENT TO CANADA. BISHOP IN EFFECT WAS RELEASED INTO CUSTODY OF PRO-NUNCIO, WHOSE HOUSE GUEST HE REMAINED UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE MAY 27. MEANWHILE, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 YAOUND 01913 051423Z

PRO-NUNCIO HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH CANADIAN CHARGE, BUT

APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM VATICAN AND NO VISA APPLICATION WAS MADE. CANADIAN CHARGE UNDERSTANDS IT UP TO VATICAN TO FIND POST IN CANADA FOR BISHOP, AND THEN ATTEMPT MAKE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ADMITTANCE TO COUNTRY, AT WHICH POINT VISA ELIGIBILITY WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED AND NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE/POLITICAL DECISIONS MADE.

3. PRO-NUNCIO HAS MENTIONED THAT BISHOP VERY INTELLIGENT, LIKELY BE SUITABLE FOR SOME TEACHING POST. AT SAME TIME, HE QUITE CANDID IN DESCRIBING BISHOP AS MAN OF VERY POOR JUDGMENT, LACKING IN COMMON SENSE. PRO-NUNCIO OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT BISHOP FINALLY RELEASED AND LEAVING COUNTRY AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT. IT REMAINS NOW ONLY FOR VATICAN TO PLACE HIM SOMEWHERE AND FOR ALL CONCERNED TO HOPE HE KEEPS OUT OF TROUBLE AND INTRIGUE.

MOORE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRISONERS RELEASE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 JUN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** greeneet  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975YAOUND01913  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750197-0489  
**From:** YAOUNDE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750675/aaaacrcg.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 YAOUNDE 1689  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** greeneet  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05 MAY 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <25 SEP 2003 by greeneet>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RELEASE OF BISHOP NDONGMO  
**TAGS:** PINS, CM, (NDONGMO, BISHOP)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006